

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed May 26, 2009 has been received and the Examiner's comments carefully reviewed. Claims 1, 14, and 21 have been amended. No new subject matter has been added. Claim 20 has been cancelled. Claims 1-8, 14-16 and 21-29 are currently pending. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Examiner Interview

Applicants' below signed representative conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Simpson on July 30, 2009. The interview was directed toward proposed claim amendments to address the Examiner's concerns regarding the presently cited art. The Examiner indicated that the presently submitted amendments of claims 1, 14, and 21 distinguish the cited art. The Examiner is thanked for her time.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 20-22, 26 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Thierry (U.S. Design Patent 387,629). Claims 21-23 and 25-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Collins (GB 2 384 704 A). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections, but have amended claims 1 and 21, and cancelled claim 20, to advance this application to allowance. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original subject matter in a continuing application.

In light of the present amendments and the discussion in the Examiner Interview of July 30, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, 21-23, and 25-29 are in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-8, 14-16, 20, 24 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Collins (GB 2 384 704 A) in view of Bigoney (U.S. Patent 1,791,553). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, but have amended claims 1 and 14, and cancelled claim 20, to advance this application to allowance. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original subject matter in a continuing application.

In light of the present amendments and the discussion in the Examiner Interview of July 30, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1-8, 14-16, 24 and 29 are in condition for allowance.

SUMMARY

It is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims (claims 1-8, 14-16 and 21-29) is in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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